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SEN. DEB CHERRY APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR'S CERVICAL CANCER TASK FORCE *Regular Cervical Cancer Screenings Could Save Lives*

LANSING – State Senator Deb Cherry (D-Burton) has been appointed to serve on a task force to help prevent cancer in women. The “Cervical Cancer Task Force” was created yesterday by Governor Jennifer Granholm to publicize the need for regular cervical cancer screenings.

“Some women have found they had cervical cancer for years, without realizing it, until it was diagnosed at an advanced stage,” said Sen. Cherry. “For too many of them, treatment came too late or just in time. This task force is so important, because with regular screenings, cervical cancer can be detected early and the lives of countless women can be saved.”

The 15-member task force will examine what the state is currently doing to promote cervical cancer awareness. Based on its findings, the task force will make recommendations on a statewide public awareness campaign and the importance of cervical cancer screenings.

“Too often women take care of everyone else around them before they stop and take care of themselves,” Sen. Cherry said. “However, it is important for us to take time out to get regular cervical cancer screenings to prevent a possible health risk, so we can live long healthy lives.”

Sen. Cherry will serve as a representative of residents of the state. Michigan Surgeon General Dr. Kimberly Dawn Wisdom is also a member of the task force. The group must present recommendations to Gov. Granholm by September 30.

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Sen. Deborah Cherry is a first-term Democrat from Burton, Michigan. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, where she sits on the Higher Education, Department of Community Health, Department of Natural Resources and Capital Outlay subcommittees.

